Undertakings. Similar reservations have been given by some State Governments. The handicapped including the blind are also given age concession in the upper age limit and relaxation in the medical standards for entry into Government service.

Setting up of Courts for Bhopal Gas Tragedy Cases

1957. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of courts pertaining to Bhopal Gas Tragedy set up so far and the number of courts likely to be set up during the current year;

(b) the amount of compensation paid so far by the courts;

(c) the amount allocated so far by the Supreme Court to Welfare Commissioner, Bhopal for providing compensation;

(d) the total amount including principal amount and interest deposited with the Supreme Court for this purpose; and

(e) the cause of dissension amongst surviving victims inspite of the compensation paid?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The process of adjudication of compensation claims commenced in February, 1992 and funds for payment of compensation were made available by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the Welfare Commissioner in October, 1992. 44 courts are adjudicating the compensation claims and 12 more courts are proposed to be set up. Of the amount of about Rs. 1,000 crores, transferred by the Supreme Court in the account of Welfare Commissioner, the Reserve Bank of India has allocated Rs 662.82 crores upto 31 10 1995 and an amount of Rs. 573.84 crores has been utilised for payment of compansation. Out of about 6 lakh compensation claims filed by the victims, 2,55 lakh claims have been adjudicated as on 7.11.1995 and a total amount of Rs. 710.53 crores awarded as compensation. The process of adjudication of cases which was slow in the initial stages, has since been speeded up and as many as 1.20 lakh cases out of 2.55 lakh cases so far disposed off, have been adjudicated since January, 1995.

Introduction of new Hindi stenography books

1958. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the books of Hindi stenography published with the grants provided by Government have not been considered for new course of Hindi Stenography as introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to include these books for use in the new course?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, CBSE and each State is free to develop or adopt textbooks for the Vocational Courses.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

आठवींपंचवर्षीययोजनाकेदौरानइस्पातक्षेत्र में निवेश

1959 **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इस्पात

क्षेत्र में निवेश के लिए सरकारी क्षेत्र, निजी क्षेत्र और विदेशी स्रोतों जैसे किन-किन स्रोतों से धनराशि जुटाई जाएगी;

(ख) इस्पात क्षेत्र के किन-किन विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में इस धनराशि का निवेश किया जाएगा; और

(ग) विदेशी स्रोतों से इक्विटी और ऋण के रूप में कुल कितना-कितना धन प्राप्त होगा?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क) और (ख) सरकारी क्षेत्र।

मंजूर आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अनुसार इस्पात क्षेत्र में 14579 करोड़ रुपए के सरकारी क्षेत्र के निवेश की परिकल्पना की गई है। इस निवेश का स्रोत-वार ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

(i) आन्तरिक स्रोत	—	1431.38 करोड़ रुपए
(ii) अतिरिक्त बजटीय स्रोत	—	9673.62 करोड़ रुपए
(iii) बजटीय सहायता	—	774.00 करोड़ रुपए

निजी क्षेत्र

अखिल भारतीय वित्तीय संस्थानों से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान कुल 63.3 लाख टन वार्षिक क्षमता की इस्पात की 13 नई परियोजनाओं के चालू होने की संभावना है। इस परियोजनाओं पर कुल निवेश लगभग 10238 करोड़ रुपए होने का अनुमान है।

इसके अतिरिक्त, कुल 28.8 लाख टन क्षमता जिसमें लगभग 5996 करोड़ रुपए का निवेश हुआ है, की चार परियोजनाएं कार्यान्वयन के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं। तथापि, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान इन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में किए जा रहे/किए जाने वाले निवेश का ब्यौरा उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ग) सरकार अब तक इस्पात क्षेत्र में लगभग 2,660 करोड़ रुपए के विदेशी निवेश जिसमें एन०आर०आई० निवेश भी शामिल है, की मंजूरी दे चुकी है।

Mid-day meal in Karnataka

1960. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of mid-day meal scheme in schools started in August, 1995;

(b) if so, the number of schools in different parts of the country where mid-day meal is being provided and the number of students who are getting this meal;

(c) the number of villages and towns in Karnataka alongwith the number of students who are getting benefit of this scheme; and

(d) the time by when all the schools in the country will be covered by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) Since the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education was launched on 15th August, 1995, it is too early for an evaluation to be conducted.

(b) About 3.37 crore children in about 2.25 lakh schools are covered under the Programme.

(c) As per information furnished by the State Government, about 29.1 lakh children in 19,544 villages are being covered under the Programme during the current year.

(d) All the Government, Government aided and local body schools (classes I-V) will be covered by 1997-98.